

FIREARMS

Firearms In or Around the Home:

- In 2004, an estimated 63 percent Montana adults reported having firearms in or around their home.
- Men (71%) were much more likely than women (55%) to report a gun was kept in or around the home.
- Montanans aged 34 and younger ($\leq 58\%$) or 65 and older (57%) tended to be less likely to report a firearm in the home than those 35 to 64 years of age ($\geq 66\%$).
- The prevalence of firearms in the home increased steadily with increasing household income (from 35% to 75%), leveling off at incomes of \$50,000 or more ($\geq 75\%$).
- White, non-Hispanic adults (64%) were significantly more likely to have a firearm in the home than those who were non-White or Hispanic (50%).

Loaded and Unlocked Firearms in the Home:

- Twelve percent of Montana adults reported having a loaded firearm in their home, and of these adults, almost 65 percent indicated the firearm was loaded and unlocked. Overall then, 8 percent of Montana adults lived in homes with loaded and unlocked firearms.
- The prevalence of loaded and unlocked firearms in the home was much higher for males (12%) than females (4%) and adults aged 55-64 (13%) than adults aged 34 and younger ($\leq 6\%$).
- Adults with household incomes less than \$15,000 (4%) tended to be less likely to report having loaded and unlocked firearms in the home than adults with household incomes of \$50,000 or more per year (10%).
- While Native Americans (47%) were significantly less likely than non-Hispanic Whites (64%) to have firearms in or around the home, they were equally likely to report a loaded and unlocked firearm (9% and 8% respectively).
- Adults living in the South Central health planning region had the lowest prevalence of loaded and unlocked firearms in the home (6%) while adults in the Northwestern region of Montana had the highest (9%), though there were no statistically significant regional differences.

Healthy People 2010 Objectives:

- 15-4. Reduce the proportion of persons living in homes with firearms that are loaded and unlocked to less than 16 percent.**

[Table 14. Firearms, Montana Adults, 2004

[Figure 14. Firearms in the Home by Sex, Montana Adults, 2004]

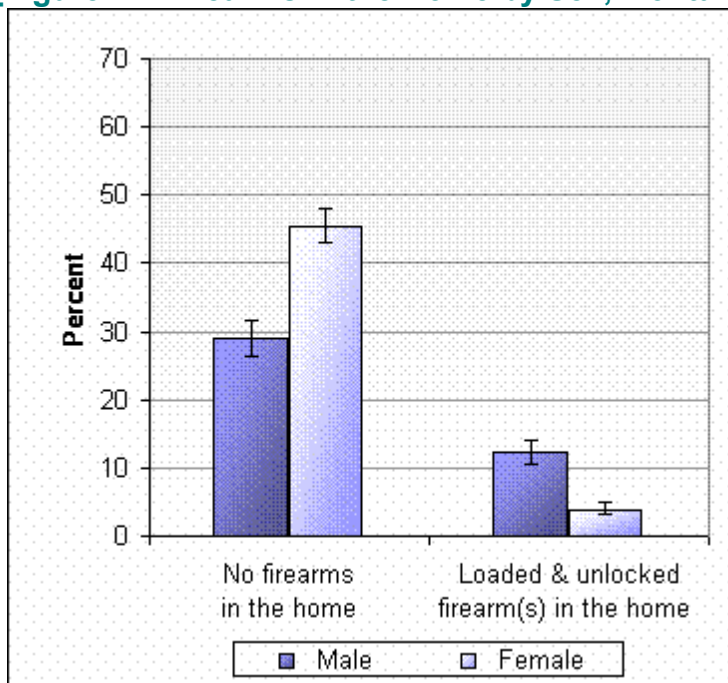


Figure 14. Firearms in the Home by Sex, Montana Adults, 2004.